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Carter attacks Reagan tax cut as rebate for rich

NEW YORK (UPI) — President Carter, triumphantly accepting renomination with Sen. Edward Kennedy at his side, yesterday warned cheering Democrats that Ronald Reagan could lead America toward an "alarming, even perilous destiny."

Closing the 38th Democratic National Convention with a "give 'em hell" speech reminiscent of his idol Harry Truman, Carter denounced Reagan's massive tax cut plans as "rebates for the rich."

And he said Reagan was so conservative and so inexperienced in foreign policy he could lead America "down the wrong road" in an "all-out nuclear arms race" toward war.

"You and I must never let this come to pass," he told the 3,331 cheering delegates who earlier had renominated Vice President Walter Mondale.

Despite a snafu that kept most of the red, white and blue balloons from dropping onto the convention floor, a jubilant Carter one-by-one summoned Democratic leaders, including California Gov. Edmund G. Brown, to the podium to share his hour of glory.

He saved Kennedy for last, and pandemonium swept Madison Square Garden, where two nights earlier the senator had electrified delegates with a dramatic, eloquent call for Democrats not to abandon their heritage.

The band blared the traditional Democratic fight song, "Happy Days are Here Again," as Carter welcomed Kennedy to the podium and put his arm around the senator's shoulder. Kennedy was restrained, a small smile playing at the corners of his mouth as he shook hands with Rosalynn Carter.

Carter led the hand-clapping for Kennedy, and the senator clenched his fist and waved to the crowd. He left the podium with the other Democratic leaders, then returned, alone with Carter for a moment.

"Ted, your party needs — and I need — your idealism and dedication working for us," Carter said, as Kennedy delegates pulled out blue and white signs and jabbed them into the air.

As Carter left the podium, he told reporters: "I believe it will guarantee victory for us in November."

After returning to his hotel, Carter said he and Kennedy have "made arrangements to meet in Washington after we both get back" from vacation. The president said he will rest for a few days at Camp David, then "we'll go to work campaigning."

Battling Reagan's big lead in the polls and

seeking to unite the party for the fall campaign, Carter said there was a "stark choice" between himself and Reagan.

But he never mentioned Reagan's name. That he left to Mondale, who in his acceptance speech led the delegates in repetitive, sing-song derision — "not Ronald Reagan."

The giant convention hall was jammed as Carter and Kennedy delegates alike cheered the standardbearer while a number of union members — perhaps 100 — walked out in protest.

Carter pledged a strengthened national defense and a major program that would emphasize both jobs and inflation fighting to overcome the nation's economic woes. But he cautioned the solutions would not be easy, and urged voters not to accept the "tinsel and make-believe" proposals advanced by the Republicans.

The main target of Carter's speech was Reagan and the conservative followers he constantly called the "new leadership of the Republican Party."

Carter painted a picture of two vastly contrasting destinies for America.

One was of "security, justice and peace" under the Democrats. The other, he said, "risks" nuclear confrontation, poverty, despair, discrimination and surrender to the oil companies under conservative Republicans.

Carter said no one, including Reagan "consciously seeks such a future."

But, he added, "I do question the disturbing commitments and policies already made by him and by those who with him who have already captured control of the Republican party."

"The consequences of those commitments and policies would drive us down the wrong road. It is up to us all to make sure America rejects this alarming, even perilous destiny."

He was especially harsh on Reagan's lack of foreign policy experience.

"He does not seem to know what to do with the Russians," Carter said. "He is not sure if he wants to feed them, play with them, or fight with them."

In his speech, Carter defended his record in office — conceding he had made some mistakes, but saying he had profited from them. Reagan, he said, lacks that experience.

"I have learned that only the most complex and difficult tasks end up in the Oval Office," he said. "No easy answers are found there — because no easy questions come here."

"I am wiser tonight than I was four years ago," he said, adding that during that time he had made tough decisions which were not always popular.

After giving high marks to his energy program, Carter lashed out at the Republican proposals.

"To replace what we have built, here is what they propose: to destroy the windfall profits tax, and to 'unleash' the oil companies and let them solve the energy problem for us," he said.

"That's it. That is their whole program. There isn't any more. Can this nation accept such an outrageous program? No! We Democrats will fight it every step of the way."

Into the cooler

A plentitude of sun-robbing clouds will loiter throughout the day before stealing away into the night with a ravaged high of only 75. The coast is clear for tonight as temperatures sink toward a low of 55. Justice will be served tomorrow as we witness blue skies and brilliant sunshine with temperatures taking a stand around 72. The verdict for Sunday will be mostly sunny and continued cool with temperatures recovering to a high of 75 degrees.



President Carter gestures jubilantly following his introduction to delegates of the Democratic National Convention last night as he waits to begin his acceptance speech.

Five men hijack National DC-10 to Cuba

MIAMI (UPI) — A National Airlines DC-10 with 223 people aboard was hijacked to Cuba last night by five Hispanic men carrying a container of gasoline, the Federal Aviation Administration said. It was the third hijacking in five days.

All aboard the National's flight 872 from Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico, were reported safe when the plane arrived at Havana's Jose Marti airport at 9 p.m. EDT.

There was no immediate word on whether the hijackers were part of the sudden wave of disenfranchised, homesick Cuban seafit refugees which accounted for hijackings on Sunday and Wednesday.

However, Steve Uriarte, an FBI spokesman in Miami, said the two men who entered the cockpit and ordered the plane to Cuba "displayed a jug of gasoline" — a method similar to Wednesday's hijacking of a commuter flight from Key West to Miami.

The hijacking came before airline officials could put into effect tighter security that had been agreed upon earlier in the day — including a "behavioral

profile" that was used before metal detectors came into common use at airports.

The current rash of hijackings, officials said, appeared to be the work of Cuban seafit refugees disenfranchised with their lives in the United States. The earlier hijackings this week were carried out by denizens of the tent city in Miami's Little Havana area.

Last night's hijacking was the sixth successful one this year, including four within a month. Both of

U.S. diplomat wounded

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — An American diplomat was wounded by Salvadoran army troops who opened fire on a supposedly bullet-proof truck carrying four embassy staffers, U.S. Ambassador Robert White said yesterday.

The wounded diplomat, identified only as Brian Woo, was hit in the heel by one of the nine bullets that perforated a heavy-duty truck usually referred to as "war wagons," White said. Woo's injury was minor, he said.

this week's earlier hijackings were aboard Air Florida planes flying between Miami and Key West.

Leonard C. Peterson, the Federal Aviation Administration's regional security chief, met with airline and law enforcement officials yesterday to discuss dusting off a "behavioral profile" used to screen out potential air pirates before airline passengers were subjected to electronic screening in 1973.

Hector Salazar of the Miami city manager's office, said many of the refugees who joined the Mariel-to-Key West seafit that brought 119,000 Cubans to the United States "left their families behind and are homesick."

"These people are coming from a different planet," Salazar said. "Cuba has been a different world since 1959. We have to understand their reactions. I'm not trying to minimize what they have done and I don't agree with their mentality to hijack planes, but this is a place where they must re-adapt and the public should try to understand their idiosyncrasies."

Israeli forces attack Arab guerrilla base

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Sea-borne Israeli commandos landed under cover of darkness near the southern Lebanese town of Sidon last night and opened fire on Palestinian guerrillas and their leftist Lebanese allies, Beirut radio said.

Meanwhile, Uruguay decided yesterday to move its embassy out of Jerusalem and Holland announced it would consider doing so, both apparently bowing to Arab threats to cut diplomatic and economic ties with any country keeping its mission in the holy city.

The Israeli government had no immediate comment on the reported raid, but Tel Aviv has carried out frequent attacks in southern Lebanon on Arab guerrilla strong points. Casualty figures for the raid were not immediately available.

The radio said an undetermined

number of Israeli commandos came ashore in the evening on the northern outskirts of Sidon.

Israeli forces and their Christian militia allies fought heavy artillery battles late Wednesday with Palestinian guerrillas along the Lebanese frontier, U.N. officials said earlier yesterday.

The Uruguayan government in Montevideo, giving in to Arab pressure in removing its embassy, said the decision "only is meant to express Uruguay's concern for the special situation of the holy city for the three great religions." However, Dutch Prime Minister Dries van Agt said yesterday the Netherlands will consider demands for the removal of their embassy in Israel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv at a special meeting early next week.

Assassin's identity argued Oswald autopsy halted

DALLAS (UPI) — The brother of presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald obtained a temporary restraining order yesterday halting the exhumation of Oswald's body for an autopsy that would settle questions about his identity.

A group headed by British author and lawyer Michael Eddowes claim a "50-50" possibility the body under the red granite marker with the bare word "OSWALD" on it would be that of a Soviet agent who took Oswald's identity in 1959, or there would be no body at all.

Oswald's widow, Marina Oswald Porter, had granted the group permission to undertake a private disinterment and autopsy under a Texas law which gives spouses that power. She said she did not believe someone other than her former husband was buried at Rose Hill Burial Park in Fort Worth, but wanted to help clear up "mysteries" about the assassination.

In a request filed only moments before the end of business yesterday, Robert Oswald of Wichita Falls, Texas, successfully blocked the efforts pending a hearing Aug. 22. He said he would suffer "grave mental anguish" and the family would suffer "severe grief" if Oswald's body were exhumed.

Judge James Wright of the 101st district court granted the temporary restraining order, pending the results of the hearing.

"I'm disappointed that it has to be dragged out even longer to add to the burden already shouldered by the widow and her children," said Jerry M. Pittman, lawyer for Eddowes. "That always has been a prime concern of ours."

Pittman added: "I have to consult with other attorneys involved in this case before any decision is made on the next step. If this is a valid restraining order, then the district court in Tarrant County will make a determination next Friday."

Eddowes and others, including

Charles M. Petty, chief medical examiner for Dallas County, had assembled a team of grave-diggers, security personnel, heavy equipment operators, forensic pathologists and dental identification experts for the mission. Reports in Dallas indicated they planned to dig up the grave today.

Once exhumed, the coffin would have been taken to the Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas. Petty said there was nearly "100 percent probability" they would have determined whether the body was that of Lee Harvey Oswald by comparing Oswald's Marine dental records in 1958 with the teeth in the body.

Eddowes, who wrote a book — "The Oswald File" — about his theory, contended the real Lee Harvey Oswald "disappeared" in Russia between the time of his defection there in 1959 and his return to the United States, with his wife, Marina, and a child, in 1962. The theory holds a Russian agent who looks much like Oswald became a "sleeper" agent in the United States.

"The evidence that the man who killed the president was the ex-Marine Oswald is evenly balanced with the evidence that it was an imposter for the Marine Oswald," Eddowes told UPI. "Therefore, step one in the solution of the murder is to find out which of the two men it was who was killed by (Jack) Ruby."

Pittman was asked about the possibility nobody would be in the grave, and he said, "We think anything's possible at this point."

Mrs. Porter, speaking from her house in suburban Rockwall, confirmed for UPI last Friday she had signed the exhumation request with a simple "It's true." In an expansion of that statement to UPI yesterday Mrs. Porter said:

"Even though for myself I don't have to have proof of identity of the body, I chose this very uneasy road where no matter which way you go you will be ridiculed."

"Through the years, more and more mystery surrounds the assassination. So if it is in my power to clear up anything and put to rest some speculation, I would rather face the task myself, instead of putting the burden on my children in the future."

"So in this very uncomfortable situation, with no rewards, I feel maybe in a small way I contribute to answers and end some mysteries."

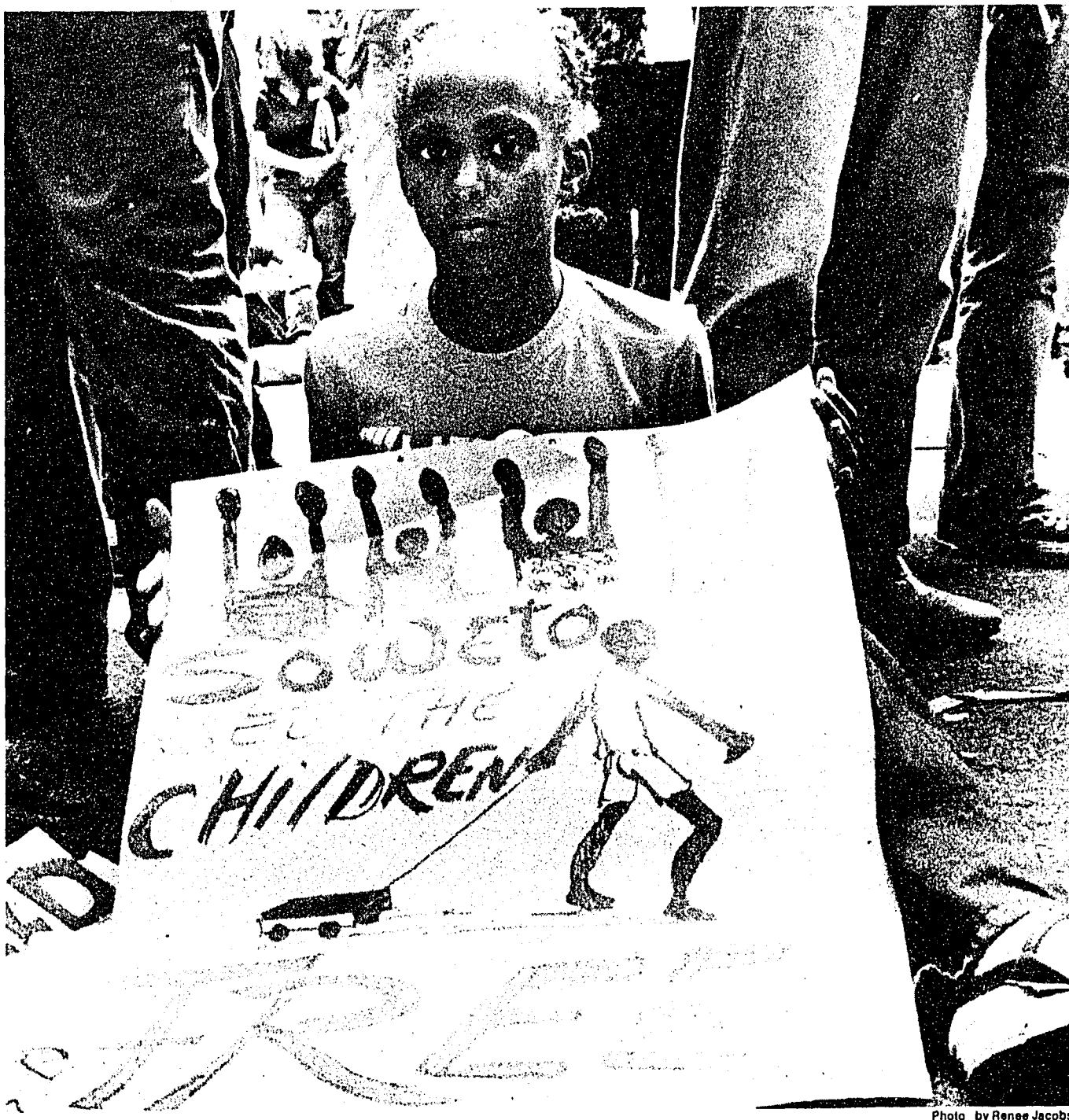
Asked what she meant by her comment about "no rewards," she said she had been upset by allegations she was paid to sign the exhumation document. "I didn't get paid," she said, and added she was doing it purely to protect her children.

In addition to Petty and Linda Norton, a pathologist on his staff, two others who would have participated in the autopsy were Clyde Snow of Oklahoma City, a physical anthropologist who served on the House Select Committee on Assassinations, and Earl Rose of Iowa City, Iowa, the physician who conducted the original autopsy in 1963 on the man identified as Lee Harvey Oswald. The names of the other two persons on the team were not released.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI when President Kennedy was killed in 1963, raised the possibility of two Oswalds in a June 3, 1960, memo found in the National Archives.

Basing his concern on an FBI interview of Oswald's mother, Marguerite, in Fort Worth, Hoover wrote to the State Department: "... since there is the possibility that an imposter is using Oswald's birth certificate, any current information the Department of State may have concerning the subject will be appreciated."

Eddowes said the assassin's corpse differed from Oswald's original medical records in height, several scars including a mastoidectomy scar near his ear and seven other physical characteristics.



Convention protester

This young protester sits amidst scores of people gathered outside the Democratic National Convention in New York's Madison Square Garden. See related photos on Page 12.